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Subject:

Phone conversation - Jumbo Mining Company (M/027/007)

Mr. Ed King of Jumbo Mining Company called me this morning inquiring about the status of our response to JMC's latest soils replacement/borrow area submittal. I informed him that I have been working on a draft response letter which I will try and get out to him by the end of the week (following staff and management review). He stated that he needed to prepare a written status report to update the Colorado Court on what JMC's progress has been to date. He indicated he would prepare a draft letter based upon his understanding of where we are in the process of responding to their submittal, and fax a copy up for our review this week.

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We discussed the status of their new heap leach proposal and Mr. King indicated that JMC has contracted with Dr. Everett Lawton (a B.Y.U. instructor?) who is @90% finished with the final design specifications for the new heap. Mr. King anticipates one more go around with DEQ/DWQ folks before final design specs are complete and acceptable. He anticipates another 2 weeks to prepare their latest submittal for DEQ review (assuming Dr. Lawton won't have to regenerate a series of computer files that JMC's previous consultant (Tetra Tech) may have lost). If they have to regenerate the computer files, then it may be a month or more before they ready to resubmit plans to DEQ.

I asked Mr. King what their plans were for the existing heaps. He indicated that they are putting together a business package that will involve reprocessing of @2/3 of the present heaps. Once the new 1,000,000 ton heap is approved (and a funding source/JV Partner(?) is secured), it will be constructed and ore from heaps HG 2, 3, 4 & 5, LG2 and 7 will be sequentially reprocessed/crushed, restacked and leached. As the old heaps are consumed and moved to a newly permitted heap, a series of new heaps will be built in succession to replace the old heaps (ore will be moved progressively from heap 3 to 2, 4 to 3, and so on). New ore will also continue to be mined and processed from the existing and new pits (Alto, Mizpah and north end of #2). No current plans to mine the lbex or Keystone ore bodies.

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